GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
LAW , JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2841
ANSWERED ON:21.03.2002
PARALLEL ELECTION COMMISSION
ASHOK KUMAR PATEL;MANIKRAO HODLYA GAVIT

Will the Minister of LAW , JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Hurriyat Conference has recently announced to constitute a paralled six member Election Commission in violation of the Constitution;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the reaction of the Union Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF LAW, JUSTICE & COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI ARUN JAITLEY)

(a) to (c): Hurriyat Conference made an announcement on 28th January, 2002 about its intention to establish its own election commission to elect representatives who would participate in any negotiations on Kashmir. Hurriyat conference further announced on 12th February, 2002 the composition of the proposed election commission. As per the Hurriyat, the said commission would be governed by rules to be framed later.

Elections to the Legislative Assembly of the State of Jammu & Kashmir are held in accordance with the provisions of the Constitution of Jammu & Kashmir and are conducted by and under the supervision of the Election Commission of India. No other body / institution has any locus standi in the matter.